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31 December 2008

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Le 31 décembre 2008



**Permanent Mission of
Malta to the United Nations**



**Permanent Mission of
Eritrea to the United Nations**

18th December 2008

Excellency,

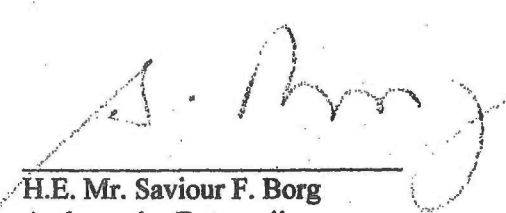
We have the honour to inform you that the Government of Malta and the Government of Eritrea have established diplomatic relations as of today. Attached is a Joint Communiqué we have signed in both English, on behalf of our respective Governments to this effect.

We kindly request Your Excellency to have the text of this letter and the Joint Communiqué be circulated as a United Nations document.

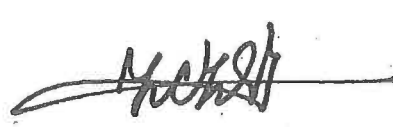
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

For the Government of
Malta

For the Government of
Eritrea



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PROTOCOL

On the establishment of Diplomatic Relations Between Eritrea and Malta

In order to develop their relations on the basis of the principles of mutual respect for sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, the peaceful settlement of disputes, with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and with the relevant provisions of the 1961 Vienna Convention that regulates diplomatic relations between States.

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Both Parties have agreed that the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 shall apply to diplomatic relations between them.

Signed in New York, on 18th December 2008, in two originals in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

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For the Government of Malta

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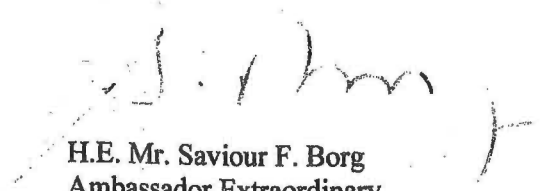
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